

TELEPHONE NO. 45.

The Central Meat Market,

J. D. WILLIAMS, PROP.

FREE DELIVERY—

Local News.

The attention of advertisers is called to the fact that it is impossible to reach a majority of the people of Eddy County through any other medium than the **CURRENT**. Investigate this matter to your own satisfaction.

Regular worship at the Baptist church Sunday.

J. C. Peck, of Roswell, registered at the Schlitz Thursday.

Remember the ice cream on the court house lawn April 30.

Jno. L. Emerson went to Roswell Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Sam B. Smith is recovering from a severe spell of sickness.

W. W. Gatewood has been in Roswell since Sunday attending court.

Sam B. Smith has been dubbed the "oil king" of the Pecos Valley.

Tom Barfield went to San Angelo, Texas, Sunday morning for a visit with relatives.

Miss Emit Peterson visited Pecos several days this week, returning Tuesday afternoon.

B. F. Patterson, the horse man from the Guadalupe, was in town several days this week.

Joseph Smith, of Dallas, special insurance agent, called on McLenathen & Tracy Wednesday.

Mrs. R. W. Tansill returned from Chicago yesterday, accompanied by Dr. Chas. A. Williams.

L. Duckworth, representing the El Paso Piano Co., turned several pianos in Carlsbad this week.

A. D. Greene, of the Argus force, has been confined to his bed several days the first of this week.

S. T. Bitting is fitting up two houses for rent in the block north of the court house, on Canal Street.

The good morning greeting is now invariably followed by the query, "What's the price of oil stock?"

E. L. Shelleck, Wells Fargo route agent with headquarters at Amarillo, checked up the local agent here Thursday.

Mrs. Anderson and children, from the Guadalupe, visited at the home of Mrs. Laura Anderson in La Huerta this week.

The Hope country is suffering terribly for want of water. A great deal of the stock has been moved over to the river.

Miss Tola Matheson arrived in Carlsbad last Thursday, to make an extended visit at the home of her brother, John F. Matheson.

James Miller and Miss Alice Pratt were married in Roswell this week. Miss Pratt is well known in Eddy county having formerly lived at Hope.

C. O. Hoffman is the champion amateur photographer of Carlsbad. He has the best collection of real good kodak photos we have ever seen in the valley.

A prelude on our "oil wells" and sermon on "Behind Closed Doors," the themes for Sunday evening worship at the Baptist church, 8 p. m. Pastor Powell will speak on "Our Covenant" at 11 a. m. Welcome.

Dr. Williams, of Chicago, visits the Valley as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tansill, for the purpose of investigating the climatic condition of Carlsbad, and the advantages offered here for the establishment of a sanitarium.

The literary social of the Young People's Union, at the residence of C. W. Cowden, Thursday evening, was well attended. The program embraced music by Miss Nellie Merrifield and Hugh Freeman, and readings by Miss Gilson and Professor Ellis. It was reported to be a very successful entertainment all around, thanks to the hospitality of Mrs. Cowden, and the efforts of those on the program.

Elliot Hendricks hiel himself away for a few days recently, and was not heard of until Tuesday last, when he returned, his face wreathed in smiles. It is impossible to determine whether he has made a "strike" in Beaumont oil stock or whether his good humor is occasioned by some fair one. Incidentally we heard of him at Midland while he was away. But then there is no oil excitement in Midland.

Miss M. R. Andrews, of Chicago, representing the Ferndell goods, has been in Carlsbad since last Friday afternoon. On Monday she served Ferndell coffee free to any person who happened into the store of Pendleton & Gamble, who are the local dealers in the goods she represents. It was an unique advertisement. Miss Andrews also canvassed the town and community personally. The result of this work will be a large increase in the trade of Pendleton & Gamble. Judicious advertising pays.

"Black Jack" Paid the Penalty.

A telegram to the **CURRENT**, received as the paper goes to press, gives the information that "Black Jack" was executed on schedule time at Clayton yesterday. The drop fell at 1:25 p. m., and his head was torn off. He was a large man physically.

Big lot of sorghum seed for sale at Pardue's.

Showers of rain fell at Rocky Arroyo and McMillan this week.

You can't order your ice too early or too late for A. R. O'Quinn.

Cotton seed for sale at actual cost by the Tracy McEwan Hardware Co.

The El Paso white onion, the best onion that grows. For sale at Pendleton & Gamble's.

O'Quinn's Royal Root Beer is the most healthful, non-intoxicating drink of the season.

We learn from reliable authority that there will be more fruit on the Rocky Arroyo farms this season than ever before.

"You'll have to hurry" if you want to drink O'Quinn's Royal Root Beer. The demand is great and the supply is limited.

The new awning of the First National Bank is neat and convenient. It was mounted by J. P. McMillan in his usual skillful manner.

The "Elite" barber shop, always up-to-date, now has the finest boot black that ever struck the Pecos Valley. Opposite the postoffice.

William Simmons, sent to the territorial penitentiary from Chaves county last year, was shot and killed by the guards, last week, while attempting to escape.

"You will have to hurry" if you want Dr. Bearup to fix your teeth as his "white" ranch is right in the middle of the Carlsbad oil fields and he is likely to retire as soon as they strike oil.

S. E. Townsend this week sold to H. G. Purcell a fine shorthorn bull calf at \$300. Nero of Midland goes on the fine fellow's registration paper, and he is out of 2nd Rosemond Flower and sired by the famous prize winning shorthorn, Lavender Viscount.—Midland Reporter.

Candy, oranges and bananas, at Hess Bros.

The wide awake firm, Tracy-McEwan Hardware Co., have responded to the demand of the lower valley farmers by promptly ordering a supply of cotton seed for planting. In as much as they are selling this seed at actual cost, their efforts to accommodate our farmers will be appreciated and remembered.

Try Bates & Biggers' Legal Tender restaurant for good meals.

The attention of our county officers is called to the fact that certain parties are using dynamite for the purpose of killing fish. As this is the direct violation of the law, and disastrous to the interests of the whole people it should be promptly stopped by prosecuting the offenders at once.

Down at the U. S. Meat Market they sell, pickled pigs feet, weiner sausage, bolona, fresh head cheese, corned beef, pickled pork, sour kraut and fresh and salt water fish every Friday. Also the best meats that the country produces. You ring the bell and they do the rest. Telephone No. 24.

The O. K. blacksmith shop has secured the services of an expert painter and are prepared to paint your carriages, buggies or anything that needs painting. They are also prepared to do fine sign painting at very low rates and on short notice. When you need anything in that line don't fail to call at the O. K. shop or telephone No. 58.

MY SPRING LINE

of Sallies Walking Hats and Ladies Shirt Waists are now opened EVERYTHING OF

The Latest Styles!

My line has never been more complete than this season. Come and see for yourself.

ELLIOTT HENDRICKS

OIL.

The one great question now agitating the minds of the enterprising Carlsbad citizen is whether or not those barren hills, which have for so long mocked our inherent belief that every element in nature contributes to the welfare of the human family, are about to give up untold wealth. The sole topic of discussion is "oil," not the Beaumont article, but a home product. Every other subject is of minor importance. And manifestations of interest are not confined to idle talk. The streets of Carlsbad have been practically deserted this week, owing to the fact that many of our citizens have visited the locality known as "Hackberry Draw", for the purpose of locating claims and taking in the general situation. The number of claims filed upon are too numerous to mention.

Carlsbad has the oil fever. And it all came about in this way. Last Monday it became generally known that some California parties had filed claims upon about 400 acres of land in "Hackberry Draw." Upon investigation it developed that C. A. Richer, an oil expert, was engaged in constructing some roadways, at no insignificant expenditure of money, which lead to the above mentioned claims. The quiet and business like manner in which this representative of the California parties pursued his plans convinced a large number of our people that there was a significance attached to such preparation, and there was immediately a hurried scramble for claims. Very little else has been thought of or talked about since. Speculations are many and varied. When approached upon the subject Mr. Richer plainly stated that he represented a company and that he was here for business strictly; that he and his backers would put in at least one experimental oil well upon one of their claims and that actual work would begin as soon as machinery could be brought here and placed in position.

This is not the first time by any means that oil has been talked of at Carlsbad. It has been known for years that oil existed in these regions in a greater or less quantity; but this is the first indication that anyone has ever had sufficient confidence in discovering a paying quantity to justify them in boring. Considering that it will require an outlay of at least \$10,000 to make the experiment, and the fact that actual preparations for commencing active operation have been made it is evident that capital is deeply interested in the prospect at "Hackberry Draw."

At least a dozen local companies have been organized, the largest one being the "Syndicate," with forty members. As the most representative business men of the town are in the front rank of the organizations, it is evident all mean business. The **CURRENT** believes that the interest now aroused will result in the ultimate discovery of valuable oil deposits somewhere in the valley. That it exists in these regions there can be no doubt, though many believe that there are more favorable prospects below and above the present location. In fact the claims being taken up now are closer to the river than the first locations, many preferring to get down into the low lands. The search for oil has begun in earnest. Meanwhile everyone is on the "give."

Try the new private boarding house at the Downes property. Everything first-class. Mrs. Wm. Groves.

O'Quinn's Royal Root Beer is the leading spring drink.

Try a five cent loaf of bread. Fresh every day at the Legal Tender Restaurant.

Here it is at Last.

Bates & Biggers, the enterprising bakers, have decided to put a five cent loaf of bread upon the market. Fresh every day. Also fancy cakes, pies, etc. Don't forget it is a Legal Tender Restaurant where you can get the best.

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER.
DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER
Highest Honors, World's Fair Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair
Avoid Baking Powders containing alum. They are injurious to health

Joyce, Pruit & Co.,

Carry the largest stock of General Merchandise in Pecos Valley.

As to GROCERIES. The immense volume of their business enables them to buy almost everything in the GROCERY line in car lots, and being turned so frequently their stock is at all times fresh and new.

IN DRY GOODS, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Gents' Furnishings of all kinds, no one who has been in the commodious and well appointed quarters will doubt for a moment that they are thoroughly in touch with the eastern markets in the matter of styles in every department. They are now equipped with the handsomest and most stylish assortment of everything that goes to make up a thoroughly up-to-date stock of General DRY GOODS.

They are anxious to compare prices with any reputable concern that can come in competition.

Cane Seed!

The only genuine small grain seed; one bushel goes as far as two of any other variety. For sale by

A. J. CRAWFORD, At Lynn's Paint Store.

Souvenir Edition.

On July 1st the **CURRENT** will issue an elaborate souvenir edition. It will be in magazine form, handsomely printed and bound, and contain no less than 21 pages, with many illustrations of county enterprises. This edition will be constructed upon the **CURRENT**'s ideas of what such a work should be, containing nothing but matter of general interest and omitting the customary personal write up, which is made the basis of so many similar efforts. Beyond question there are multitudes of people abroad who are interested in the industrial life of Eddy county, and a truthful illustrated description of what is here will result in lasting benefit to every enterprise. Special attention will be devoted to the stock interest; the attractions for the tourist will form the second feature. No roseate pictures will be drawn. The compiler will confine himself to facts and realities.

The **CURRENT** force is thoroughly prepared for this work. In fact actual preparations for issuing this edition has been in progress for months past. It is not a sudden venture but has been carefully planned; many of the details have been discussed with the stockmen and merchants, some of them have endorsed the project with promises of hearty cooperation. It will be at once the most comprehensive and elaborate edition descriptive of Eddy county ever issued.

Estray Notice.

Taken up in the neighborhood of Carlsbad, an excellent team of buggy horses. One bay, about 15 hands high, branded H9; one iron gray, about 6 years old, 15 hands high, branded T J on left shoulder. Both had on halters; also both were shod in a peculiar manner with rubber lined shoes. Owner can locate same by calling at this office and paying for this advertisement.

To Be Given Away.

J. S. Crozier has inaugurated a voting contest. The young lady receiving the highest number of votes between now and May 9th, will receive the handsome Crescent bicycle now on exhibition at the Tansill block. The young lady receiving the second highest number of votes will become the owner of a beautiful woven horse-bridle, valued at \$15.00. The commendable feature of this contest is that the net proceeds go to the benefit of the Tansill band, an organization that is worthy of support in every respect. The small sum of 5 cents entitles any person to vote for a candidate, and the result of each day's voting will be announced at 6 p. m. on the bulletin board at Crozier's store. The result will be watched with interest.

Wanted.

At Legal Tender Restaurant, spring frying chickens.

The First National Bank of Carlsbad, CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO.



Authorized Capital \$50,000
Paid up Capital & Surplus 31,250
Individual Responsibility of Local Stockholders 400,000
Directors: L. S. Crawford, E. G. Tracy, C. W. Cowden, A. J. Crawford, and John H. Joyce



THE CENTRAL HOTEL

BY J. W. STOCKARD

ROSWELL, N. M.

Railroad Time Table.

NORTH BOUND—CENTRAL TIME
Leave Pecos at 1:15 p. m.
Arrives at Carlsbad at 4:50 p. m.
Leave Carlsbad at 5:15 p. m.
Arrives at Roswell at 8:15 p. m.
Arrives at Amarillo at 5:30 a. m.
SOUTH BOUND.
Leave Amarillo at 5:30 a. m.
Arrives at Roswell at 8:20 p. m.
Arrives at Carlsbad at 5:50 p. m.
Leave Carlsbad at 5:25 p. m.
Arrives at Pecos at 11:35 a. m.
The south bound train lays over night in Carlsbad.

Eddy Lodge No. 21, K. of P.

Meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All visitors are welcome.
J. B. HARVEY, C. C.
JOHN BOLTON, R. E. & S.
MASONIC—Eddy Lodge No. 21, 21, A. F. & A. M.—Meets 12 regular communication at 7:30 p. m. 3rd Saturday of each month. Visiting brethren invited to attend.
S. E. ROBERTS, W. M.
E. S. GUTMAN, Secy.



Woodmen of the World, Eddy Grove, Camp No. 5.—Meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
D. B. Sutherland, C. C.
C. W. Moore, Clerk.

I. O. O. F. Eddy No. 21 meets every Friday evening in Masonic hall. Visiting brothers in good standing cordially welcome.
C. H. WRIGHT, N. G.
Jno. S. McEwan, Secy.

BRING YOUR Prescriptions!

TO US and you know by past experience that they will be filled right and with pure drugs. We do not SUBSTITUTE, and if we cannot fill your prescription we will tell you so. We are never undersold.

EDDY DRUG CO.
PRESCRIPTION DRUGGISTS.

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